

TRAWALLA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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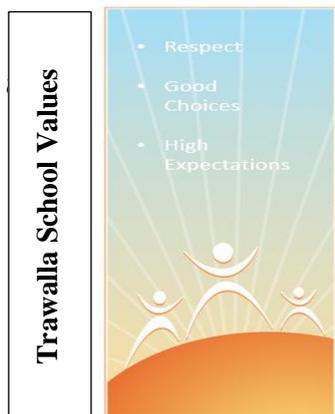
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Tuesday 2nd March 2021

DATES

Tue Mar 2 nd	School Council – 7pm	Thurs April 1 st	Last day of Term 1
Wed Mar 3 rd	Kate – WebEx network meeting	Mon April 19 th	Term 2 commences
Wed Mar 3 rd	Staff PD – Writer's notebook WebEx	Wed April 21 st	Staff cluster RSTA PD – writing moderation at Avoca 4.30pm
Thurs Mar 4 th	Kate – First aid @ Ballarat	Mon April 26 th	Full STEAM Ahead @ Natte Yallock
Mon Mar 8 th	Labour Day Public Holiday	Wed April 28 th – 30 th	Cluster Camp to Roses Gap
Thurs Mar 11 th	JSC Business Day & Family BBQ	Mon May 3 rd	Kate – Pyrenees Principal PLC meeting
Fri Mar 12 th	MARC Van	Wed May 5 th	Staff cluster RSTA meeting WebEx 4pm
Mon Mar 15 th	Full STEAM Ahead @ Moonambel	Mon May 10 th	Full STEAM Ahead @ Natte Yallock
Tues Mar 16 th	Staff PD – ASSIST assessment WebEx	Tues May 11 th	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Tues Mar 16 th	School Council AGM – 7pm	Wed May 12 th	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thurs Mar 18 th	Kate – Numeracy PD	Thurs May 13 th	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Mon Mar 22 nd	Kate – Review planning meeting	Mon May 24 th	Full STEAM Ahead @ Natte Yallock
Wed Mar 24 th	Parent-Teacher interviews	Wed May 26 th	Kate – Network meeting
Mon Mar 29 th	Full STEAM Ahead @ Moonambel	Thurs May 27 th	Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill
Tues Mar 30 th	School Review day 1	Fri May 28 th	Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill
Wed Mar 31 st	School Review day 2		
Thur April 1 st	Athletics Day @ Llanberris (TBC)		

Trawalla School Values Awards



Alyssa Palmer - For showing **High Expectations** by completing maths tasks up to 10,000s.

Layla Best - For showing **Respect** by listening to others and waiting your turn.

Tom Palmer – For making **Good Choices** to sit cross legged on the mat.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting for 2021 has been rescheduled to tonight (due to the COVID lockdown) Tuesday March 2nd, 2021 at 7pm.

This meeting is for the Council members from 2020.

Parents are able to attend as observers to any council meeting.

I am in the process of finalising the nominations for the 2021 council. I will announce the new Council members in the next newsletter.

JSC Business Day and Community BBQ

To be held on
Thursday March 11th 2021,
3.40pm – 5pm
at
Trawalla Primary School.
RSVP Kate by Tues March 9th

- We will be raising money for a charity. The JSC is yet to decide which charity.
- Students will be running a variety of stalls, including the ever popular “Day Spa”, Op shop, lucky dip, box creations and the scrumptious cupcakes will be on offer again this year.
- More details to follow.

Farewell to Kelly at BBQ
Kelly’s last day working at Trawalla is March 12th. We will be celebrating the wonderful work done by Kelly to support teachers and students across all year levels at the Community BBQ.



Full STEAM Ahead – Monday 22nd February at Moonambel

We started the day listening to wonderful speeches presented by year 6 students from our cluster. Captains were chosen by popular vote. Congratulations to Cluster Captains Ramone and Milly from Moonambel and to James from Trawalla for being elected Vice Cluster Captain. In Music they sang I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing and learnt some actions to go with the lyrics.

“We also played a game to learn how to recognise different rhythms. We had to listen for taa, taa-aa and ti-ti. We had to clap what the teacher clapped for us BUT if it was the POISON NOTE you would be out!” explained Tom.

PE was a mixture of games to get to know each other like, toilet tag, star wars, band aid tag and snowball tag. The students also continued to work on throwing discus and shot for the athletics sports.

All students were able to create their own personalised clay pendant in Art. This is the first of a series of lessons using clay. The students’ creations will be fired at Moonambel in their kiln. Respectful Relationships takes place each FSA, today all classes focused on Emotion Literacy which is learning what emotions are, how to recognise them in others and learning how they make you reacts and feel.

Our next FSA is Monday March 15th and the Dental Van will be attending to provide check-ups to students who have returned their permission forms.

Parent-Teacher interviews

Parents are invited to meet with staff to discuss students’ progress this year on Wednesday March 24th from 3.45pm. Meetings will be scheduled for 15 minutes starting from 4.45pm. Please indicate on the slip attached times that you are available. Contact Kate for further details.

Child Safe

Trawalla School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development. I have attached a poster – ‘Protect’ that supports this important issue.

School Review

The Department of Education (DET) conducts reviews of schools every 4-5 years. This rigorous process is conducted by the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority (VRQA) and the evaluation is completed with support from a DET appointed external reviewer. The school review supports each school to differentiate its improvement journey by building on current strengths and assisting it to respond to challenges. It emphasises continuous improvement and affirms that every student, no matter their background or circumstances, has a right to learn in a school committed to improvement. It maintains that every school can improve.

The review:

- welcomes school community participation in the review
- embraces the input of experts from both within and beyond the school
- forges links between evidence, school review, and strategic and annual planning
- seeks multiple perspectives, engagement with the whole school community and openness to challenge for improvement
- celebrates strengths and achievements



Parent feedback is important in the review process. I have attached a “STOP, START, CONTINUE” sheet for families to make comments and suggestions for our school. Please complete the sheet and return it to school by Tuesday March 9th, 2021.

MARC Van

Kathy’s next visit to Trawalla for 2021 is this Friday March 12th. Remember your books in a waterproof library bag.

Scholastic Book Club – Issue Two

Issue two catalogues are attached to this week’s newsletter. Orders are due back by Friday 19th March.

NAPLAN – Year 3 & 5

As children progress through their school years, it is very important that checks are made along the way to see how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults.

NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers’ professional judgement about student progress.

Federal, state and territory education ministers agreed to gradually transition NAPLAN online by 2022. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, providing better assessment and more precise results. Your child’s teacher will be able to tell you in what mode your child will do NAPLAN.

Pyrenees Advocate – MY SCHOOL

Beaufort's local newspaper The Pyrenees Advocate featured the Trawalla Primary School last week as part of their weekly My School section. The write featured an update of what we have been doing so far this year and photos of the students.

The article is available on our website trawallaps.vic.edu.au.

CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursions fund

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in a previous year, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2021 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year.

Please let Kate know if you need a CSEF application form.

School Fees

All students have been issued with stationery, books and computer subscriptions for 2021. The cost to families is \$80 per child. Families are asked to pay these costs by March 19th.

COVID safe School reminders:

- Students to arrive after 8.55am.
- Visitors are to limit their time on the school grounds and use sanitiser in front corridor.
- Ensure physical distancing (1.5m)
- Bus travel is unaffected.
- Unwell students are to stay home. Students will be sent home if they become unwell at school.

Practise good hygiene

- All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet.
- Sharing of food should not occur.
- Use non-contact greetings (not shaking hands, hugging or kissing).
- Ensure the highest hygiene practices amongst food handlers where these services are operating, as per the Department's Safe Food Handling Guidance.



Congratulations James

James Malloch has been voted School Captain of Trawalla School for 2021 and he was also elected Vice Captain for the Pyrenees Cluster.

We congratulate James on these prestigious accolades, we are very proud of these achievements.

Ramone from Moonambel was elected Cluster Captain and Milly from Moonambel was elected Cluster Captain.

L-R Ramone, Milly, James at the Cluster FSA day recently

Community Sport



Auskick is back at Beaufort!



Auskick for 2021 will kick off after the Easter school holidays on Friday 23 April 2021 @ 6pm (1hr) and run for 10 weeks (to Friday 25 June)

NAB AFL Auskick is for children aged 5-12 (must be turning 5 this year if not already)

Registrations must be completed by week 2 (30/04/21)

Please register via the Auskick website:

<https://www.playhg.com/afl/register/be1f30>

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Children must be aged 4 to 18 and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare Card to be eligible.

Vouchers are only available for eligible activities provided by certain organisations.

For more information, visit

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>



Join the movement!

www.getactive.vic.gov.au



PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

